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George called 11:25 a.m. with following message for you:

He spoke to de la Sabliere. Regarding the tribunal, French are on board but have two concerns: (1) On the question of trying people for crimes outside Rwanda (Zaire, Tanzania, Burundi), before that language can be inserted into the mandate of the tribunal, the other countries involved (Zaire, Tanzania, Burundi) would have to give their formal agreement; (2) There should be a retroactive cutoff date of January 1 for crimes to be considered by the tribunal.

Regarding Friends of Rwanda, the French would be concerned about any grouping of countries that would not include the Africans. If that were the case, the French would decline to participate. End of message. Ellen